

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Ralph Durante, LuAnn Buono, Thomas Dunham, William Gambardella, Walter Mann, Deborah Moore, Radha Prasad

Members Absent: Walter Nester, Janet M. McCarty, Frank Maher. Deborah Moore

Also Present: Alan Fredricksen

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda – May 15, 2008

RABINA PROJECT

Mr. Durante stated that the project is back on track and he will keep the Commission informed on the status of this project.

QUEBECOR

A job fair was held on Monday, May 19th to help employees find employment.

MARLIN FIREARMS

The First Selectman and Mr. Durante met with Marlin. It doesn't appear that any jobs will be lost.

MONTOWESE CENTER

Mr. Durante and the First Selectman met with all the store owners. Montowese Meat Market and a few other businesses have found space in North Haven.

MONTOWESE STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Durante asked Mr. Gambardella if he would head up the Montowese Steering Committee. Mr. Gambardella agreed to and Ms. Buono said that she would help. Mr. Durante then asked the Commission members to think about setting up steering committees in other areas of the Town.

ECLIPSE/BIRMINGHAM

Mr. Fredricksen stated that Eclipse (Doug Gray) is having problems with the State on traffic issues. He said that Mr. Gray has hired a local attorney (John Lambert) to help him.

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

Theresa Viele-Ranciato contacted Mr. Durante and asked for his help in getting area restaurants to donate food for a reception on June 26th. Mr. Durante asked Commission members if they would assist him in setting a menu for the event. Mr. Gambardella said that he look into. Ms. Buono also offered to help.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

Mr. Durante contacted Attorney Jeffrey Donofrio about setting up an economic development corporation. If a corporation was created there would be a Board of Directors. The Town would assume no liability.

HEALTHCARE BC/CONNECTICARE

Mr. Durante said that he is trying to keep Anthem as the Town's insurance carrier but there is a possibility that Connecticare may take over.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE MARCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. Durante said that the breakfast was a success and that the public appreciated the information that was provided to them. All commission members agreed.

PLANNING/SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. Durante suggested that the Commission plan another breakfast in the early fall. He said we should think about a new location for hosting the event possibly Gateway or the high school.

The next Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 8:15 am. We will meet at Town Hall, first floor conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.